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EXPRESS DRIVER MISSES SIGNAL.
TERRIBLE SMASH.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BERLIN, July 31.
The Hamburg-Munich express collided with a stationary train near Cassel.
Twenty-seven persons were killed and 25 injured.
It is now reported that 29 people were killed and 43 injured in the Hamburg-Munich express disaster which was due to the driver not seeing the signals against him, owing to a piece of dirt flying into his eye.
BERLIN, July 31.
Forty-four bodies of victims in the Hamburg-Munich express disaster have up to the present been recovered.
Thirty-four passengers have been sent to hospital at Goet and Ingen of whom three are not expected to live.

HOME TURF.
THE STEWARDS' CUP.
EPINARD WINS.
LONDON, July 31.
At Goodwood, the Stewards' Cup (a 6-furlong handicap) resulted as follows:—
Epimard.....1.
Jarvis.....2.
Hunting Song.....3.
Fourteen ran. Two lengths separated first and second with the third a head away.
The starting prices were 7-2 Epimard, 10-1 Jarvis and 100-6 Hunting Song.

COMMONS UPROAR.
SUSPENDED M.P.S. FORGIVEN.
PREMIER'S MASTERY.
LONDON, July 31.
A large section of M.P.s. showed a marked disinclination to accept the motion moved by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, terminating the suspension of the M.P.s. mentioned on June 27; but subsequently agreed to the motion without division.
[Four Labour members were suspended in the House of Commons on the occasion of a debate on the Scottish Estimates. Mr. J. Maxton and Mr. J. Wheatley described Sir F. G. Bannery as a murderer in connection with the reduction of the provision for child welfare, and refused to withdraw the expression of contempt, even at the request of the Sergeant-at-Arms, with a show of force, but left when a motion for their suspension was carried. Thereafter the Reverend C. Stephen repeated the allegation that Sir F. Bannery was a murderer, and another motion for suspension secured Mr. Stephen's departure. The uproar recommenced when the Ministerialist, Sir George Hamilton, made reference to a Jew while Mr. E. Shawcross was speaking. The latter objected to the offensive reference to the race to which he was proud to belong. Mr. G. Buchanan shouted: "You white livered coward!" and accused the Deputy Speaker of injustice in naming the Labourites and not naming the offending Ministerialist. The Speaker declared he had not heard Sir George Hamilton's remark. Mr. Buchanan refused to sit down, and was finally suspended. Sir George Hamilton subsequently apologised, and withdrew the expression he had used.]

EMPIRE BUILDING.
INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.
HONGKONG MAN CHOSEN.
LONDON, July 31.
The Duke of Devonshire, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has appointed a committee consisting of Lord Ronaldshay (Chairman), Sir William Acworth, Sir Frederick Lugard, Sir William Mercer, Sir James Stevenson and Sir Edwin Stockton, Messrs. J. C. Davidson and C. E. Gunther, to consider measures to encourage private enterprise in the development of British dependencies with special reference to existing and projected schemes of transportation.

[Lord Ronaldshay was Governor of Bengal from 1917 to 1922. He has travelled extensively in the Far East and has written several books. Sir William Acworth has been a member of various Government commissions, including several connected with Dominion matters. Sir Frederick Lugard has been Governor of several colonies, Hongkong from 1907 to 1912. He has also seen active service in Afghanistan, the Sudan, Burma, and Central Africa. An explorer as well, he has written two books. Sir William Mercer has held, among other posts, that of Senior Crown Agent. Sir James Stevenson has filled many high honorary offices, including the Colonial Secretary's Commercial Adviser and Chairman of the Rubber Investigation Committee. Sir Edwin Stockton, former President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, has served on many Government boards. Mr. J. C. Davidson was Private Secretary to Lord Curzon while the latter was Secretary of State for Colonies. Mr. C. E. Gunther is largely interested in the development of the industrial, agricultural and railway undertakings of the River Plate.]

OUTLOOK GLOOMY.
REPARATIONS REPLIES UNHELPFUL.
OFFICIAL COMMENT RESERVED.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, July 31.
Comment on the French and Belgian replies is reserved in British official circles, pending the Cabinet's conclusions which will be transmitted to France to-morrow; but it is reliably understood that "the French communication is of such a character as to give no grounds for undue optimism."
It is believed that the French attitude on most points is reaffirmed and there is at present no marked tendency towards modification of the existing policy.
SPECIAL CABINET MEETING.
LONDON, July 31.
A special Cabinet meeting discussed the French and Belgian replies.

WAR'S HEAVY TOLL.
TEN MILLION DISABLED MEN.
DRAIN IN PENSIONS.
GENEVA, July 31.
In the preliminary report to the experts assembled here to discuss the question of men disabled in the war, the International Labour Office states that there is ample evidence that the disabled men in the world total 10,000,000, of whom 7,124,000 are receiving pensions in the principal belligerent countries, including 1,537,000 in Germany, 1,500,000 in France, 1,170,000 in Britain, 800,000 in Italy, 775,000 in Russia, 110,000 in Belgium 157,000 in the United States, 45,000 in Canada, 20,000 in New Zealand and 16,000 in Australia.

HOME CRICKET.
RAIN INTERRUPTS MATCHES.
SUSSEX ONLY WINNER.
LONDON, July 31.
Rain interrupted all the cricket matches. The match at the Oval between Surrey and Kent was left drawn.
At Derby, Derbyshire led Worcestershire on the first innings.
Yorkshire, at Nottingham, obtained points for a first innings lead over Nottingham.
Essex, at Northampton led on the first innings in a match against Northamptonshire. Freeman (J.) compiled 135 in the first innings for Essex.
At Swansea, Leicestershire led Glamorgan on the first innings. Mounteney scored 97 in the first Leicestershire innings.
The West Indies team obtained a first innings lead against Gloucestershire at Bristol. Challenor (West Indies) made 111 not out and Dipper (Gloucester) 126 not out, both in the first innings.
Hampshire lost to Sussex by eight wickets at Bournemouth. For Sussex, Tate took 4 wickets for 42 runs and 6 for 66.
The match at Manchester between Lancashire and Warwickshire was abandoned owing to rain.
[Two points are given for a first innings lead in the County Championship if the match is not played to a finish. If no decision on the first innings is reached the match is ignored in the reckoning.]

CLEAR SAILING.
HARDING OUT OF DANGER.
GOOD NIGHT'S REST.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.
Dr. Sawyer states that President Harding spent the best night comparatively since his illness.
Dr. Sawyer added: "That augurs well, for conditions now seem to warrant the statement that apparently he has got into clear sailing."

PATIENT'S OPINION.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.
This morning a bulletin was issued stating that President Harding spent a fairly comfortable night with a considerable amount of sleep. His temperature was 100°F, pulse 120 and respiration 40 regular.
There has been no expansion in the pulmonary areas and the heart action has definitely improved. Nourishment and fluids have been taken regularly.
The patient says he feels better and less exhausted.

POISON GONE.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.
An afternoon bulletin says that the President has maintained the ground he gained since yesterday evening.
Laboratory findings indicate the elimination of the poison from his system.
The patient is more comfortable and is resting better.

RUBBER EXPORT.
LONDON, July 31.
The Colonial Office announces that the percentage of the standard production of rubber to be exported to minimum duty from Ceylon, the Straits Settlements and the Malay States for the quarter beginning August 1 has been fixed at sixty.
(Other new cables will be found on page 2.)



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market were illustrated at "Chris-
tie's," when Holman Hunt's "Scape-
goat," a picture which may be
taken as the most typical example
of English pre-Raphaelitism, rose
from £504 in 1878, £1,417 10s. in
1887, and £2,940 in 1909, to the
imposing figure of £4,830. On the
other hand, Herkomer's "The Last
Mustel," which on its first appear-
ance at the Royal Academy in 1875
established the artist's fame over-
night, receded from the £3,255 at
which it was bought in at the Cuth-
bert Quilter sale in 1900 to £2,940.
The "Spanish Fanny," by F.
Donning, which fetched £210 in
1876, brought only £5 5s. "The
Last Mustel" was bought for the
Lady Lever Art Gallery at Port
Sunlight by Messrs. Gooden and
Fox.**Purified Records.**An ordinary talking-machine re-
cord was being played at "2LO"
with the usual little mechanical
noises in the background—a slight
hiss and a tiny "jar" now and
then. A reporter was asked to go
to an adjoining room and hear the
record as it arrived via the ether
after being purified by wireless and
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markable. The very ordinary record
was transformed through the "loud-
speaker" into music of much
greater volume, but almost com-
pletely freed from the disturbing
noises which marred the original.
Those who heard the demonstration
were warned not to speak, or the
special modification employed would
have broadcast their voices as lion-
like roars. It is now possible to
select certain sounds for transmis-
sion by wireless while other noises
coming from the same source are
suppressed.**Bottomley To Be Released?**A strong movement is on foot,
and is now reaching a culmination,
to press for the release of Horatio
Bottomley. A memorial is to be
presented to the Home Secretary
pointing out that the state of the
convict's health grows steadily
worse; that he suffers with in-
somnia, gout, and neuritis; and
that he is unable to do any work,
but spends the greater part of his
time in the prison hospital. I do
not think the memorial will succeed,
says a *Gloucester Herald* writer, but
it is more than possible that the
fallen idol will receive a pretty
liberal remission when he draws
into the later end of his sentence.
Those who have been brought into
touch with him in prison say that
he retains his old humour and
optimism; and has already sketched
out his plans for a weekly journal—
"Bottomley's Own"—when he
comes out of jail. Also, he proposes
to issue an official life-story with**some caustic comments upon his
"unofficial" Boswell. It ought to
make pretty piquant reading.****Omelet Hints.**Keep a special pan for making
omelets; one of the best kinds to
use is made in aluminium. The
pan should not be too large and
should be washed as seldom as pos-
sible. Rub it out with paper after
use, and then with a cloth. Coarse
salt removes pieces. A new pan, or
one that has been washed, should
be seasoned by putting in a little
fat or butter, making it quite hot
over the fire, then pouring it off;
finish by rubbing the pan over with
a paper.A long pliant knife or palette
knife is a great help, but not a
necessity.See that everything is ready be-
fore beginning to mix the omelet.Never let an omelet stand, but
serve it the moment it is cooked.See that the butter is quite hot
before putting the eggs into the pan,
and do not use margarine for greas-
ing the pan as it is apt to burn.Do not beat the eggs too much,
and if inexperienced practise with
two or three eggs at first. It is not
wise to use more than six eggs when
a large omelet is necessary.**Strange Gypsy Customs.**In a wagon near Norwich the
gypsy wife of Charles Baker, the
escaped convict, who was re-capt-
ured in Hertford, has been deliv-
ered of her first-born child. Among
the British gypsies motherhood is
governed by customs of a very strict
order, a *Daily Chronicle* writer tells
us. For a month and day after the
birth of her child the woman is
ceremoniously tabooed. She is
allotted her own cup, plate, knife,
fork, and spoon, and these are
subsequently destroyed. She is not
allowed to prepare or even touch
food, except her own. In bygone
times a special tent was set apart
for the child-bearing, and this was
destroyed so soon as its use was at
an end. In some families the
woman had to wear gloves for a
considerable time after child-birth.
In extreme cases she was not allow-
ed to touch dough for a whole year.
The British gypsies have no special
christening customs, taking their
children to the parish church or
conventicle according to the desire
of the parents. In other lands there
are elaborate ceremonies, including
the acceptance of the infant into
the family and the tribe. No gypsy
regards the dog as other than an
unclean servant. One of them lick-
ing a frying pan, the utensil was
straightway put into the embers to
burn away the evil. Another, more
strict, drove a stake through the
bottom of a bucket, from which his
dog had lapped a drink. There is
no gipsying the true gipsy's re-
gard for these ancient customs. He
is terrified at the slightest departure
from proper methods and precau-
tions. His women must not set in
any slack manner of the gipsies
around them. An engaged girl, for
instance, must sit outside the camp
circle when suitors are announced.**She is not in the market, and other
girls are. The love-story of a gypsy
is a public affair—that is according
to custom, not to any fear of moral
lapse. It seems rather odd that with
all these laws the gypsies should not
regard the church marriage with
great favour. They look upon such
as merely a whim; but the strictly
orthodox have a great objection to
going into the presence of corpses.****Newsboy to M.P.**Selling newspapers at Ludgate
Hill railway station for a wage
which worked out at a penny an
hour was the start in life of Richard
Fairbairn, M.P. He found competi-
tion keen, but as his wages were
needed at home he often went with-
out a meal when he was very
hungry. While his father was ill
and unable to work, the little wage-
earner was dismissed. The situa-
tion was desperate when he at last
obtained a newspaper, where his
push and industry were recognised,
and he was advanced fairly rapid-
ly. At 16 he was already an
amateur political debater and he
helped his father, who had become
secretary of the Lightermen and
Watermen. Then he became a
travelling manager, first in London,
and later in Worcester. The latter
town he represents in Parliament
as a Liberal.**The Dream Life.**Putting aside the "Dream Book"
and similar "humble" and rather
superstitious publications, there is a
whole world of wonder and mys-
tery about the dream life. Light
tells us. Even some of those
dreams which are described as aim-
less and incoherent fancies may be
distorted shadows of real experi-
ences in sleep. But in any case, we
are convinced of the truth of the
Scriptural passage which, correctly
rendered, should run, "He giveth
his beloved in sleep"—that is to
say, that in sleep are received in-
spirations, visions, and instruction.
There are people who show a
degree of knowledge not to be ex-
plained by anything they have
seen, heard, or read in their waking
lives. And this is to be put aside,
the many instances of verified visions
and fulfilled dreams in which the
literature of psychical research
abounds, and also those cases
known as "travelling in sleep," in
which the spirit appears to visit
other regions, whether of earth or
spiritual realms, retaining some re-
collection of the places visited and
the things seen. In short, in the
lives of thousands who have no
clear perception of their spiritual
experiences there is reason to be-
lieve that they gather much in-
struction and inspiration during the time
of bodily slumber.**A factory operative, Cissie
McKeown (21), was proceeding
back to the works at Lurgan, when
she was run over by the 2.20 train
from Belfast and cut to pieces on
a level crossing. When the train
pulled up at Lurgan, the wheels
were covered with blood, and the
mangled remains of the girl pre-
sented a horrifying spectacle.****G. FALCONER & CO., LTD.**

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THE LEAGUE.

Lord Robert Cecil, on his appointment to a seat in the Government, has resigned the Chairmanship of the League of Nations Union in England and Professor Gilbert Murray has been elected President in his stead. It does not follow that Lord Robert will either cease his activity in the interests of the League (it must necessarily be curtailed) or cease to take part in the deliberations of the League of Nations at Geneva or elsewhere. His belief in the League has been whole-hearted and his work for it unstinted to the verge of self-sacrifice from the very beginning. We remember the gibe of a late Irish Member that Lord Robert had one foot in the middle ages and the other in the League of Nations. With the continued non-participation in the Councils of the League, on the part of America, although it is mainly the outcome of the ideals of their ex-President, the question of the continuance of the League seems to have reached the critical stage. Pessimists sung its early demise from the beginning. It was too great a strain on human nature to expect that Nations, with their feet under a table so to speak, were going to be reasonable and adjust differences by frank discussions. Mr. H. G. Wells, who, one imagined, would have wholeheartedly supported the League, likened the attempted work of the League to the efforts of a man trying to kill an elephant with a shot-gun! In spite of all this the League has continued to function, and has exercised a beneficial influence in world affairs. It has rendered service in certain matters which were specifically referred to it; it has usefully undertaken certain functions of a non-controversial character; it has proved itself an appropriate instrumentality for international ministrations such as

in the matter of the control of the trade in narcotics, the prevention of the "white slave traffic," etc., and its gatherings at Geneva have been indicative of a praise-worthy spirit and endeavour on the part of the delegates, though not always on the part of the Governments they represented. Facts could doubtless be assembled to prove that as against the aforesaid "ministrations" the League has failed to prevent war, invasions and conditions which seem always to find us on the brink of another "little" war. One great criticism levelled at the League is that it is inseparably attached to and made the pre-emptive and guardian of the war settlements and that in the last resort it represents the play of forces in Governments composing it, and as at present constituted it can do nothing else. These objections are probably true and account for the alleged weakness of the League, but they do not appear to be insuperable. The war-inflamed passions of different peoples cannot easily be assuaged. Time is the great healer. Fifty-three nations have joined the League. That is significant if nothing else is. It presupposes a desire on the part of Nations to "come, let us reason together," and in itself a great achievement. What seems to be needed among the "common people" is more enlightenment as to the aims and objects of the League. Given this, we feel sure a tremendous moral influence would be behind the League spurring its members on to greater effort. It is here that the League of Nations Union is doing a great work.

Davis Cup Tourney.

A London cable received this morning states that the match in the final of the European zone draw for the Davis Cup between France and Spain has had to be held over on account of the rain. Meanwhile, in the American zone Japan has easily beaten Canada and Australia has had no difficulty in disposing of Hawaii. There was a new departure in the preliminary competition this year when thirteen countries were assigned to the European zone and four to the American zone, this being done to

reduce travelling expenses and to encourage a greater number of entrants. The British Isles have not done at all well although it was hoped that with the inclusion of young blood our chances would have been improved. In the first round, the Mother Country scraped home against Belgium, and was then knocked out in the second round by Spain. Of the semi-finalists in the European zone, Switzerland defeated Czechoslovakia and Argentina. France, in the first round, vanquished Denmark. In the second round she disposed of Ireland who had ousted India. Holland got a bye into the second round in which she beat Italy. France knocked out Switzerland and Spain won against Holland. The victors are now playing out the final. Only four entrants were assigned to the American zone and it was only to be expected that Japan and Australia would contest the final. The winners of the two finals will meet to decide the right of a number of years. It would be futile to predict who the challengers will be but few will expect the Cup to be wrested from America. It should be remembered that Spain, so far, has not had the benefit of her best player, Manuel Alonso, who is in America. He caused a sensation some time back by defeating one of the American stars in a State tourney.

Wrangel Island.

Ominously but not inaptly named, Wrangel Island finds itself in the limelight again. According to Reuters messages from Nome, the Soviet is now claiming this small speck in the Arctic Sea. Following its discovery by the British in 1849, the island was occupied in turn by the Americans and British, but both, apparently, permitted their claims to lapse after five years, when neither country provided for continuous occupation. The right of the British to occupy the island was reasserted when seventeen members of Stefansson's shipwrecked expedition landed in 1914 and ran up the British flag. Following on the withdrawal of Stefansson's men the British claims were reported to have again lapsed. Stefansson then organised an expedition, renewing the old British claims. Mr. Allan Crawford, of Toronto, was leader of the party, which also comprised three Americans inspired by love of adventure. Stefansson organised his expedition without the assistance of the British Government, and it was not until he went to Ottawa to report to the Prime Minister, that the secret was disclosed to the Canadian Government. The first news of the arrival of the expedition was received in New York City by Stefansson on October 22, 1921, in a message from Mr. Crawford relayed from Vancouver, British Columbia. Some maps issued by the United States Government show Wrangel Island in the name colour as Russia, but Stefansson has always insisted that this was the error of a Government clerk. Hitherto Russia has not actively laid any claim to the island, content apparently to allow British and American newspapers to squabble among themselves over the ownership. Now it seems she is out for spoil. The Mr. Crawford already mentioned is waiting for the steamer "Donaldson" to carry away a shipment of furs, but the Soviet officials at Nome threaten to confiscate the vessel unless it carries a Red Guard to Wrangel Island to collect the dues claimed. What outcome of this little dispute will bring doubtless the cables will tell in good time. Meanwhile it is enough to note that the island itself is not worth squabbling over. Beyond being a home for Polar bears its only other claim to importance is the fact that it "strategically" dominates North-Eastern Siberia. Very possibly, as one critic said when the island last came under general notice, but considering our existing liabilities, what sane person wants to dominate North-Eastern Siberia?

To-day's Poem.

(Summer.)
Summer has come, O! Heart's Desire,
Summer has come, has come.
Let us together, Love, persevere
While the mosquitoes hum.
Swift as the bill of a dental surgeon,
Dear as the rose of the lovely sturgeon,
Long ere the punkah-coolies burgeon
Summer has come, has come.

Summer will bring me heat that is prickly,
Pimples beyond compare,
And, for my love, who sunburns quickly,
Freckles both rich and rare.
Ah! for the luscious lemon-squashes,
And the green mould thick on my love's goblets.
Where are our gumps and our mackintoshes?
Out with our summer-wear!

Outside the world-old, hatted rinkles,
Here all is peace and calm.

Here, where the sand-flies kiss my ankles
Under the sheltering palm.
Huerta may yearn to greet Caranza;
But, as I said in a previous stanza,
(It doesn't rhyme, but I don't give a d—n, sir)
Summer has come, has come.
—R. T. THURSFIELD.
Hongkong, 1914.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Aug. 1.—Coronet Theatre: "Hunting Big Game in Africa."
Aug. 1.—World Theatre: "The Carnival" with Matheson Lang.
Aug. 1.—Star Theatre: Viola Dana in "An Offshore Pirate."
Aug. 3.—Promenade Concert on Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m. PUBLIC AUCTION.
August 7.—Lammert Bros., at Kingsclere Hall, 2.45 p.m., a quantity of fine furniture and linen.
Aug. 7.—At 3 p.m. P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown Land in Ho Mun Tin.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The attraction now showing at the Star is "The Off Shore Pirate," featuring Viola Dana.

Three lots of Crown land at Ho Mun Tin are advertised to be sold at auction on the 7th inst.

The attention of golfers is drawn to an announcement regarding tiffin at Happy Valley on August 5 and 6.

It is announced that Mr. G. F. Haslam has resumed charge of Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co's interest in South China.

The Silver Wolf for July, the organ of the Boy Scouts Association reaches the China Mail. The number is brightly written and is replete with a varied assortment of articles of interest to Boy Scouts.

To-day is the anniversary of Kwun Yum (Cantonese pronunciation), which means, broadly, the Heavenly Virgin. Chinese women are very particular about devotions to her, hence the fire crackers. An image of the Goddess will be found in nearly every non-Christian household in South China.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. G. R. Sayer presiding. There were also present Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer) and Mr. J. A. Fraser (Secretary). There was no business of public interest.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Passengers who departed by the "President Taft" included Mr. R. C. Morton and Mr. D. H. Cameron.

Reuters cables from London that the Queen of Holland, who has been spending a holiday in Cumberland, has departed from Folkestone for Holland.

During the absence on leave of Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the duties of Officiating Presbyterian Chaplain of the Garrison will be undertaken by the Rev. W. T. Lindsay, B.D., B.Sc., who is to reside at The Manse, Kennedy Road.

BROWN SHOES.

KOWLOON THEFT.

Mr. J. Murphy who resides at Nathan House in Kowloon was the complainant in a case before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when a Chinese named Chung Wah was charged with the theft of a pair of brown shoes and £5.30 from Mr. Murphy's room yesterday.
"Sub-Inspector Spear," prosecuting, said that at about 8.30 a.m. yesterday, complainant's boy entered Mr. Murphy's room to call him when he saw accused with the pair of shoes in his hands. He immediately called his master, the accused was caught and the police sent for. The man extracted \$5.30 from his pocket confessing that he had taken the sum from the dressing-table.
His Worship asked how accused got into the room and Inspector Spear replied that he went by the side-case after having entered by the front door. He added that Nathan House was a boarding house and it was easy to gain access.
Sentence of six weeks imprisonment was imposed.

TAKING THEIR TIME.

HOW THEY DO IT IN OUR VILLAGE.

(Specially Contributed.)

There are people who say that government municipal councils and suchlike bodies exist only for the purpose of there being somebody (Sorry!) to blame when things are not as they should be. It is true that they often are to blame and equally true that they unfailingly are blamed. But do we ever look for and praise the things they do well? Do we look for their virtues and extol them as generously as we anathemise their faults? I am afraid we do not. In case you have never heard of a case meriting praise I propose to tell you a few things about our local council.

It is on record that they cannot be stampeded into hasty action—or very seldom. It is true that on one occasion they acted hastily in attempting to reduce the profits that the foodstuff profiteers obtain, but although they fed the hungry they did not adhere closely to the Scriptures and send the rich empty away. I know a man who possessed a bag of Rice and now he has a motorcar.

But that was an additional reason for not acting hastily, so our Council are in no hurry to accede to requests made from 1916 onwards.

There is a corner of the road near a theatre in the Oil and Hemp district, that should have been straightened out years ago. It is dangerous, it is unsightly and unnecessary. On certain days in the year the particular portion of our enlightened Council that deals with roads, blasts a few pieces of rock away, and then takes several months to choose the next piece to be blasted. Recently the very Heavens tired of seeing the unsightly mess of rock and sand and have endeavoured to aid the council by washing down several tons of sand on to the roadway. Were our councillors turned from their policy of "Slow but sure" but mainly "slow." No. Sir! They were not going to be stampeded into action like that, not though Heaven itself spurred them. They defied the Heavens! The sand washed down they ordered to be carefully scraped up, and put back on the slopes from whence it came. The Heavens again opened the floodgates and again reduced the size of the hill. Were our councillors dismayed? They were not! Again they ordered out the scavenging army, and again was the sand replaced on the hill they had decreed it should not move from. The third time was this disputed sand washed from the hill to the road, and a few mornings ago I saw our still undefeated council replacing the sand on the hillside.

Now it is impossible to not admire determination like that. What though the corner should not be there, what though more common sense would urge that the sand once moved should be taken right away, what though our scavenging department could be better employed in moving the accumulated and offensive rubbish from alongside the Mortuary and the Tobacco Factory than putting sand back for the rain to wash down again, you must applaud the consistency of a body of men who say "We have not moved that corner in seven years, and we jolly well are not going to be hurried into it now by mere rain."

Do not stilt your praise for a Council that knows not defeat—the never says die. Under the spur of your appreciation they are capable of even sticking the rocks together again, should lightning ever dare to split them.

I have an idea that our Council have other virtues that have not yet been made known to the world at large. I shall endeavour further to make them known on another occasion.

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RAISING \$200,000.

YAU MATI'S NEW CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

MAINLAND'S GROWING NEEDS.

"Plans are being matured to raise \$200,000 to meet the cost of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. buildings to be erected at Yau mati, at the corner of Wellington and Pitt Streets," said Mr. R. L. Moeller, Secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., to a China Mail reporter this morning. "An area of 34,000 square feet of land was purchased last year from the Government at \$1 per square foot, and building will commence as soon as we have raised the necessary \$200,000. Tentative plans are being made by Messrs. Raven and Basto, the architects, so that they can be shown to prospective subscribers. No completed plans will be made until we know what sum will be available. In a month or two, a drive will be organised to raise \$200,000 and we anticipate little doubt that the money will be forthcoming."

UP TO DATE PLANS.

"It is planned that the new quarters at Yau mati shall be built on up-to-date lines and contain all the features and equipment of a modern Y.M.C.A. There will be an auditorium, a dormitory to accommodate young men away from home, a gymnasium, fresh-water swimming pool, billiards and reading rooms, educational class-room and the usual offices. Out of doors we shall have an athletic field."

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

It is hoped that wealthy residents in Kowloon, Hongkong and elsewhere will take sufficient interest to subscribe towards this worthy object, said Mr. Moeller, "as it will meet the social, physical, educational and spiritual needs of a large number of boys and men on the peninsula. The population there is growing very fast and the central location of the Yau mati Y.M.C.A. will cater for Kowloon, Yau mati, Mong Kok, Shamshui-po, Lai chi Kok, Hong Kong and Homantin. Similar association work will be conducted there to that which we are doing here. There is enough money here to raise what we require without making an appeal abroad," said Mr. Moeller in conclusion.

PLAYGROUNDS NEEDED.

FOOTBALL NUISANCE AGAIN.

Causing an obstruction by playing football at the junction of Wardley Street and Queen's Road Central (near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) was the charge against six boys, whose ages were between 12 and 15, in Mr. C. D. Melbourne's court this morning. The first three defendants were schoolboys while the other three were boys employed by the Hongkong Hotel. They were arrested by Detective Sergeant Elston and two Chinese constables at 3.35 p.m. yesterday.

Three of the boys pleaded guilty. One said that he played at the beginning but he realised that it was against the law and he stopped before the police arrived. The other two denied playing, one of the hotel boys adding that he was taking part in a game on the Parade ground when he was called down.

Sergeant Elston said that he had received three complaints regarding the nuisance. A shopkeeper in Beaconsfield Arcade had reported that his window pane had been broken by a ball. A motor-car driver had said that his car had been hit while a pedestrian had testified to being obstructed. Sergeant Elston stated that he had been instructed by the C.S.P. to ask for a small fine in the case of the schoolboys who had been released on \$5 bail, and a caution for the hotel boys who had spent the night in the station side-room. Addressing the boys, His Worship said that it was very dangerous to play football in the streets. They had been smashing windows and they might be run over by a motor-car and killed. He imposed fines of 50 cents each on the schoolboys while the others were discharged with a caution.

SEWN INTO THE SEAM.

POLICE MISS HIDDEN JEWELLERY.

A curious case of evasion of the Prison authorities has just come to light. Yesterday a rich couple employed by Mr. Tse Chun-say, of No. 8, Bonham Road, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour for attempting to pawn a gold watch belonging to his master. Later in the day, the master discovered the loss of jewellery valued at over \$800 and immediately laid a report with the police. The couple was taken from jail and examined. Obviously, sewn into the seams of his clothing, it was said, were all the stolen valuables. He will be charged with the theft of the bigger lot of jewellery.

LUCKY WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE DOLLARS.

Holder of World Theatre programme No. 33 issued July 29 to 31st, is entitled to a coupon value \$5 which may be exchanged for the equivalent in goods with any of the advertisers in the China Mail. Coupon will be issued immediately the programme is received.

MAROONED TRAPPERS.

RELIEF SHIP'S NASTY CHOICE.

SOVIET OFFICIALS' THREAT.

NOME, July 31.

The Soviet authorities at East Cape have advised Mr. Noice, the head of the expedition to relieve the Crawford party marooned on Wrangel Island, that unless the ship the "Donaldson" calls at Petropavlovsk for clearance papers and East Cape for a contingent of Red guards to be taken to the island the "Donaldson" will be confiscated.

Although Crawford raised the British flag when he landed on the island, it is understood the Soviet claims the island and wants a Red guard to accompany Noice in order to enforce payment of taxes on furs taken by the Crawford party.

[Wrangel Island, situated south-east of Alaska, is named after a famous Russian explorer of the polar regions. There is a settlement which is the port for fur-traders and the mining centre. The population (including native Indians) is about 900.]

PAYING THE PIPER.

GERMANY INCREASING TAXATION.

INCOME TAX DOUBLED.

BERLIN, July 31.

The Cabinet has adopted a number of taxation bills with the object of quickly obtaining funds in view of the depreciation of the mark. The Bills in the first place provide for an increase of 100 per cent. in the income tax, and heavily increased corporation tax by companies to meet occupation costs. Furthermore a special non-recurring tax will be imposed on motor cars which is fifty times the ordinary motor car tax. The beer tax will also be increased.

\$20,000,000 SWISS LOAN.

NEW YORK, July 31.
Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that a Swiss loan of \$20,000,000 for three years will be floated here.

RAIN SPOILS PLAY.

DEAUVILLE, July 31.

Owing to the rain there was no play for the Davis Cup.

FROM BAD TO WORSE.

PEKING FINANCIAL CHAOS INCREASING.

PEKING, July 31.

Owing to the deadlock in completing the Cabinet, the financial situation is becoming worse. It is understood that Feng Yu-hsiang can derive \$100,000 monthly from the oil for the payment of his troops, but no funds appear to be available for the metropolitan police, gendarmerie, the staffs of the different Ministries and other Government employees.

According to the vernacular papers, the banks are planning to hold a meeting with a view to subscribing a sum of money towards the payment of the police and gendarmes, but this is not confirmed. Considering the financial chaos, internal bonds have kept steady.

Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

FAST STEAMING.

BLUE FUNNEL BOATS' FEAT.

The Blue Funnel double reduction geared turbine cargo vessel "Philoctetes," on her second trip across the Pacific, occupied eleven calendar days on the passage from Yokohama to Seattle and delivered her silk in New York in sixteen days from Yokohama. This is the fastest silk time made so far by a Blue Funnel steamer and is only three days more than the fastest trip ever made for the same journey.

"A FRIENDLY LOAN."WATCHMEN AT LAW.
TRANSACTION IN RUPEES.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the plaintiff in a money lending dispute heard by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court to-day. The parties were both Indian watchmen. Sawan, the plaintiff, claimed from Ghulan Mohamed a sum of \$428.50, the equivalent of 750 rupees said to have been lent by him. Before the case started Mr. MacCullum, who appeared to oppose the claim, told His Honour that the defendant had not turned up. Mr. MacCullum said he saw the man between 9.40 a.m. and 9.50 and asked him if he knew the way to the Supreme Court. The defendant said he did but MacCullum wondered whether he might not have gone to the Police Court by mistake.

His Honour: One inference to be drawn, of course, is that he does not wish to come.

Mr. Jenkin: He knows this court, I think, better than Mr. MacCullum does. He has been longer in the Colony, at any rate.

The defendant put in an appearance shortly afterwards and in the meantime Mr. Jenkin explained the plaintiff's case to His Honour. It was, he said, a friendly loan, no interest being charged, no documents signed and no statement made as to the date of repayment. The men became acquainted as fellow watchmen in the service of the Hongkong Electric Company and in October 1921 the defendant went to live with the plaintiff in his house. In February or March, 1922, the defendant sought to borrow, 1,000 rupees from the plaintiff in order to clear a mortgage on some land owned by himself and his brother in India. The plaintiff agreed to lend him \$750 rupees and the money was handed over at the premises of a money lender named Oyaga Singh in the presence of witnesses. The defendant had, it appeared from Mr. Jenkin's outline of the facts, repaid \$25 and had undertaken to repay the balance at the rate of \$20 a month. Last May, however, the men had a very bitter quarrel resulting in a police court summons and the issue of this writ.

Evidence in support of the claim was given by the plaintiff and several other witnesses. Mr. MacCullum asked the plaintiff if it was not a fact that the defendant had made a claim against him for \$800 on behalf of his deceased brother.

Plaintiff: I received a notice for this amount and I told him to issue a summons.

Mr. MacCullum: And you told him that if he did not issue a summons you would withdraw this action?

Plaintiff: No.

What was the rate of exchange between India and Hongkong?—I don't know; it was only a friendly loan.

Supposing that between that time and this there had been a tremendous fluctuation—what would you have done?—Our arrangement was that he had to pay me 750 rupees.

At any time and at any rate of exchange?—Yes.

He paid you back \$25—how many rupees are you going to count that?—He told me to keep this for the time being and when there was a large amount we would work it out and settle it.

At the close of the plaintiff's case Mr. MacCullum said that if His Honour thought the plaintiff had made out a case and the defendant had a claim to answer he would put the defendant into the witness box.

"Well," His Honour observed, "one tale is good, you know, till the other is told."

The defence was a denial that the defendant ever had any money transaction with the plaintiff. There had been many money transactions, it was alleged, between the plaintiff and the defendant's deceased brother but the defendant was ignorant even of these until he discovered references to them in certain books which came under his notice after his brother's death.

After considering the case during the tiffin interval, His Honour said he had come to the conclusion he must give judgment for the plaintiff.

Y.M.C.A.**SOME ACTIVITIES.**

Friday, August 3, 7.30 p.m. English Debating Club will discuss Chinese Parliament members.

Saturday, August 4, Commencement of the Annual Summer Camp at Pine Apple Beach, Cheung Chau Island.

Sunday, August 5, Meeting for men in the afternoon at 8 p.m. Address by Mr. Mak Ling-sang, Assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, on "The Bible and Civilization."

Monday and Tuesday, August 6, and 7, at 7.30 p.m. Cinema display: "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

WONDERFUL CANTON.

WHAT THE CUSTOMS SAY.

We regret it is impossible to give in full the Trade Returns for 1922 issued by the Canton Customs.

Here is a précis of some of the salient points from an intensely interesting and wonderfully written report.

The Seamen's strike was a severe blow to the Customs collection, the decrease in figures for the March quarter being *Hk. Tls.* 319,923.

From August onwards, improved figures were experienced with an increase of *Hk. Tls.* 147,172 over those for 1921.

There was a small increase in the number of British and Japanese ocean steamers entered and cleared during 1922.

The import trade in general was dull, but improved towards the end of the year. Notable decreases took place in Grey and White Shirts, which fell off by about 50,000 and 40,000 pieces respectively. Wool, linen and Cotton union goods increased. Bams and rods for house construction purposes increased by 30,000 pieces over the figures for 1921. Importation of foreign hats and caps increased, also cement, cigarettes and coal.

There was a small increase in the number of British and Japanese ocean steamers entered and cleared during the year, the latter with a less tonnage than in 1921. Chinese ocean steamers increased in numbers but decreased in tonnage. There was a large decrease in the number and tonnage of launches plying inland under the Chinese flag. Foreign flag launches have increased to a considerable extent, probably due to the fact that owing to the unsettled conditions and Government commandeering of Chinese launches, these were forced to seek the protection of the foreign flag.

The value of the export trade amounted to *Hk. Tls.* 98,558,041 and of re-exports *Hk. Tls.* 2,535,988. The value of Chinese imports was *Hk. Tls.* 44,025,815, a slight increase over 1921. Gold to the extent of *Hk. Tls.* 4,803,198 was imported from Hongkong and Macao, most of which was in American \$20 gold pieces. Export abroad of gold bars, etc., and coins was *Hk. Tls.* 412,534. Silver imports were *Hk. Tls.* 27,775,909 in bars and sycee from Hongkong and Macao, and *Hk. Tls.* 2,867,920 from coast ports and over 19 million 20-cent pieces were imported from Hongkong and Macao and over 104 million exported to the same places. Banking business was satisfactory during the year and large profits are reported. Strikes, etc., caused a reduction of 20 per cent. in the passenger movement.

S. P. C. A.**LAST MONTH'S GOOD WORK.**

Inspector Fisher makes the following interesting report of his activities during July:—

Transport.

Crates of poultry, inspected..... 412
Cattle in transit..... 122
Sheep in transit..... 5
Pigs in transit..... 603
Trucks and lorries of poultry inspected..... 130
Poultry in junks or ferries, crates..... 49
Pigs in junks or ferries..... 49
Cattle in junk or ferries..... 201
Sheep in junks or ferries..... 70
Imports.

Poultry in junks, crates..... 32
Pigs in junks..... 1,134
Poultry in ships, crates..... 1,881
Cattle in ships..... 825
Pigs in ships..... 1,110
Sheep in ships..... 100
Pigs by Rail..... 45
Crates of poultry by Rail..... 11
Puppies from Tai O..... 20
Exports.

Crates of poultry..... 8
Cattle..... 42
Sheep and Goats..... 82
Horse to Canton..... 1
Visits.

Markets..... 40
Birdshops..... 12
Landing places..... 25
Dogs home..... 6
Poultry depots..... 21
Yaumati cattle depot..... 8
Yaumati Pig pens..... 9
Markets in New Territories..... 10
Visits to Railway stations..... 12
Miscellaneous.

Stray dogs dealt with..... 2
Crocodile, Ming Yuen Garden..... 1
Ignorant cruelty cases..... 10
Watching ferries, times..... 7
Cautions given..... 2
Prosecutions: 2, Market stalls..... \$50
Fines.....

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SAILOR WHO MISSED HIS SHIP.

ALLEGED BEGGING.

Magnus Ambjornsen, a Norwegian, appeared before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning on a charge of being destitute and without employment. Accused said that he arrived in the Colony on an American ship, which he had missed.

His Worship: Did you desert it?
Accused: No, I missed the ship. Have you any money?
I have thirty cents.
Have you employment?
No, I have no work.

Detective Sub-Inspector Cotton informed His Worship that complaints had been received to the effect that "accused" had been "knocking outside the hotels," accosting Europeans. He could not give a satisfactory reply and was therefore charged.

His Worship committed accused to the House of Detention.

THREE MEN.

IN A BOAT.

Patrolling the murky purlieus of Mongkoktsui somewhere about half past two yesterday morning, Police Sergeant Carey came across three men in a small boat without light.

A search of the craft yielded a hammer and a chopper, in the pocket of one man he found an electric torch and a knife and he extracted a cold chisel from the clothing of another. Questioned, the trio admitted that they stole the boat and were going to steal some rope later on.

Two of the men had previously come under the official notice of the police and when they were brought before Commander Beck with at the Marine Court this morning he sent them both to jail for three months. The third man against whom no conviction had been recorded before was let off with two months.

FOR SHAUKIWAN JUNKS.

NEW HARBOUR OFFICE.

Made necessary by the increase of work concerned with native craft a subordinate Harbour Office was opened at Shauiwan to-day in a new building erected in front of the Shauiwan Police Station. A junk inspector is in charge and in future licenses and permits for junks and cargo boats will be issued there. The present junk inspector's office in the central buildings will remain there but all the business connected with Shauiwan will be transacted at the new office.

TYPHOON WARNING.

A telegram received at the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory, at 2 p.m. to-day, reads: "Cyclone or typhoon east of southern Luzon. Almost stationary."

Messrs. Anderson's announce a new stock of English Columbia records.

We have received from Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. Ltd. a descriptive article on the distilleries of Mackie and Co. Distillers Ltd. who are the makers of the well known White Horse Whisky for which Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd. are local agents. The brochure is beautifully illustrated and contains much useful information.

AMOY CRISIS.

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPS.

WARSHIPS LEAVE HONGKONG.

In view of the serious situation at Amoy, where Chinese troops have already prevented Customs officials and members of foreign firms from landing, on the bund in the British concession, H.M.S. "Diomedes" (a light cruiser) and H.M.S. "Foxglove" (sloop) left for the scene this morning.

It was learnt at the Naval Secretary's Office to-day that the Commander-in-Chief had been informed that a motor-boat, flying the British Consular flag, had been fired upon by Chinese soldiers when the Consul was proceeding to the s.s. "Haiching" and that a postal launch had also been fired on when going to remove mails from the "Haiching."

The British men-of-war left here at daylight this morning by orders of Admiral Layton, Commander-in-Chief.

BULLET IN BACK.

CHINESE STRUGGLES INTO HONGKONG.

With a bullet wound in his back, a Chinese military officer named Chan Kam-shun, made his way from Tam Shui in Chinese territory into the Colony. He was in too weak a condition to make a statement when he arrived at the Central Police Station yesterday and could only say that he had been wounded four days ago in battle. He is now receiving treatment in hospital.

HOME MAIL.

DUE TO-MORROW.

Through the courtesy of the Superintendent of Mails, we are able to announce that the s.s. "Seungbo" carrying the Home mail from Singapore, which is advertised to arrive on August 3, is due to arrive at noon to-morrow according to a wireless just received.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Taiwerna, (Yan Tai) from Fort Bayard.—Co's Wharf.
Aphittai, (Kwong O) from Kwong-chow-wan, Macao.—Co's Wharf.

Hydrangea, (Chin On) from Swatow.—Co's Wharf.
Hsichong, (Douglas & Co.) from Fochow, Swatow.—Co's Wharf.

Kwong-sing, (J. M. & Co.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—Co's Wharf.
Hsien, (B. & S.) from Manila.—Holt's Co's.

Iyo Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Seattle, Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.
Peleus, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.—At.

Loksang, (J. M. & Co.) from Dalny.—A25.
Kiangsu, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—A10.

Liangchow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—B12.

DEPARTURES.

Kashima, Maru, (N. Y. K.) for London, Singapore.—August 1.
Dux, (Li Bing Lee) for Bangkok.—August 1.

Kwangtsh, (C. M. S. N.) for Shanghai.—August 1.
Yue Ying Wa, (Cheong Fat) for Huiphong.—August 1.

Fushiki Maru, (M. B. K.) for Keelung.—August 1.
President Tai, (Pacific Mail) for San Francisco, Shanghai.—Aug. 1.

Shantung, (B. & S.) for Tsingtao, Shanghai.—August 1.
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) for Bangkok, Swatow.—August 1.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
REMINDER.

COMPETITORS wishing to have Tiffin at Happy Valley on August 5th and 6th, must give their names to No. 1 Roy, Happy Valley, not later than Friday next.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1923.

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Hongkong, August 1, 1923.

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CANTON-KOWLOON. RAILWAY REPORT FROM CANTON END.

The following is taken from the Trade Returns for 1922 issued by the Customs. "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," and the following notes upon the Canton-Kowloon Railway, courteously supplied by the management, will be read with interest.

The improvement in working results which was effected in 1921 has been considerably increased. The whole of the loan interest due in the first half-year and a large proportion of loan interest due in the second half-year was met from revenues. The balance of loan interest and amortization instalment for the year were discharged by the Ministry of Communications. In January and February the railway benefited considerably in both passenger and goods service, owing to the dislocation of river traffic caused by the seamen's strike. These advantages were, however, greatly counterbalanced by the effect on the railway of the political disturbances of June and July. Slight damage was caused by the bombardment of the city in June, to the station at Taishan and to rolling-stock; serious damage was done to bridges by demolitions in July; traffic had to be suspended for five days in that month. All damage to bridges has been made good. Rainfall was considerably above normal, and the flood in the East River reached the highest level since 1918; damage to the railway was, however, insignificant, and there was no interruption to traffic from this cause. Total earnings from all sources during the year were \$1,503,000, about \$220,000 in excess of 1921. Net revenue for the year, after payment of working expenses, about \$600,000; number of through passengers carried up from British section to Chinese section, 425,913; number of through passengers carried down from Chinese section to British section, 417,839; total through passengers, 843,752; number of local passengers carried both ways on Chinese section, 1,203,554; total passengers carried, 2,137,306, an increase over 1921 of about 84,000 passengers; goods carried, 137,542 metric tons, an increase of about 41,000 over 1921; goods earnings, \$166,630, an increase of about \$39,000 over 1921. Tribute must be accorded to the railway staff, and in particular to the able engineer-in-chief, Mr. Boothby, and the traffic manager, Mr. C. T. Liu, for the high level of efficiency maintained throughout the year under trying and even dangerous conditions. Further, it needs no inside knowledge to be aware that stock of all kinds is badly worn and that funds needed for replacement are withheld; but for able nursing, collapse must have taken place. What will the New Year bring?

WHO IS SNOW?

HOW HE BECAME FAMOUS.

The success of the picture, "Hunting Big Game in Africa," now showing at the Coronet, has prompted many enquiries as to who is H. A. Snow, who brought back from the Dark Continent these strange and unusually absorbing pictures. Previous to 1919 H. A. Snow was a livery stable keeper in California. He was noted in that region as a crack shot and had done a certain amount of hunting in the States. He was a keen collector of eggs, and finally news of his collection spread to a professor in the University of California. Snow was invited to lecture on his eggs at the University, and, meanwhile, a group of public spirited citizens were behind a movement to build and equip a Museum of Natural History in Oakland. Snow's name was proposed as a collector of specimens, and that is how he came to head the expedition to Africa. The idea of taking motion pictures was the thought of Snow's nineteen-year-old son, Sidney. Expert cameramen were engaged, but they soon quit and Sidney took their place. This, is how this big picture came to be taken.

Supplied by All Chemists. Physician prescribes Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. A bottle will keep for years and no bottle is complete without it. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

CONTINUOUS TURMOIL. HOW CHINA IS LOSING GROUND.

The following extract from the "Report on the Chinese Post Office for 1922" shows what effect the troubles in the adjoining Province has on the Chinese Postal service:

Kwangtung.—Not in any previous year has Kwangtung been in a state of more continuous turmoil, whereby trade was adversely affected. Early in the year, the seamen's strike paralysed trade for almost two months, i.e., from 13th January to 8th March, and during this period all local shipping on the South China coast was entirely suspended. Following the settlement of the strike, political dissension arose in April and was prolonged until August. Then came the disastrous typhoon that swept over Swatow and the neighbourhood, resulting in enormous loss of life and depression of business. All these things considered, however, the financial results for the year were not unsatisfactory.

The number of articles posted for local delivery advanced from 3,549,500 to 4,448,100, the increase of 904,600 articles being contributed mainly by Canton. During the year 17 registered min-hut were closed (one at Canton and 16 at Kiangchow), but the business of these hongs had for some time been practically of no importance, and it was already realised that their closing would be but a matter of time. The decrease shown in the parcel traffic is attributed to the disturbed conditions already explained. Owing to the troubles in Kwangsi, the parcel business with that province was occasionally suspended. On the other hand, a great number of parcels posted in Kwangtung (Fatsan) for places in Kwangsi were lost as the result of brigandage and piracy in Kwangsi. These losses and adverse conditions have had a serious effect upon the Fatsan parcel business to Kwangsi, as the merchants suffered considerably during the year. It is interestingly already that, owing to these causes and the continued interruption of the motor-boat traffic on the West River above Wuchow, the merchants, who formerly forwarded their parcels to Namheung and places beyond through the post, are now forwarding them by Hunghian boats to Pakhoi and then by (private) couriers to destination. The parcels posted at Fatsan during the year declined by half, as compared with the figures for 1921. The temporary suspension of the parcel business with places in Southern Kiangsi from June to August, and also with Fukien in October, further added to the general decline of business.

"TAC" AND "ICH"

INSECTS TO RID INSECT PEST.

Certain aliens having gained an unauthorised footing in New Zealand, the Government of that country has appealed to a scientific laboratory in England to send out cultures by which they can be rapidly disposed of.

The aliens are destroying fruit trees and ruining hedges. They are managing to do this because they got into New Zealand without their putative personal luggage. The aliens are the earwig and the Pearseaw fly and by some means they got into New Zealand without their parasites, the tachinid and ichneumonid flies.

"Tach" and "Ich," said one of the laboratory scientists, "keep the Pearseaw and the earwig down in this country, but the latter appears to have got into New Zealand on something without them, with the result that the countryside is apparently overrun with earwigs, and Pearseaw flies, and we have had to cultivate the parasites to send out to them. You have first to catch your earwig and a tachinid fly and put them together in a glass jar or box which becomes at once an abattoir and a breeding cage, for the fly settles on the earwig and its young kill it. Then we have to get the tachinid and send it out to be reared and hatched out over on the other side."

HARBOUR DISASTER.

LAUNCH INQUIRY RESUMED.

CREW GIVE EVIDENCE.

The inquiry into the capsizing of the ferry launch "Fee Din Yat" on July 8 was resumed at the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon. Commander C. W. Beckwith R.N. (Marine Magistrate and Harbour Master), is Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry, the other members being Captain Davidson (Marine Superintendent of the C.P.S.S. in Hongkong) and Mr. F. W. James, (Superintendent Engineer of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire).

One of the chief witnesses yesterday was Captain John Jacob Lossius, a Cheung Chau resident. He said he had travelled by the launch which made the scheduled evening trip to and from Cheung Chau and in his opinion she was safe enough if she had not many passengers aboard. It was pointed out to the witness that the launch was allowed to carry 131 passengers and he expressed the opinion that about half that number would be enough. He said that on one occasion, when there was a rough sea and the coxswains were quarrelling and nobody appeared to be in charge, he took over the launch and brought her into Hongkong.

The Coxswain, Chan Kun, said he had been coxswain of the launch for seven or eight months. He had been engaged on the several runs between Hongkong and Haohoi (near Namtao) and between Cheung Chau and Hongkong daily. He carried a crew of 12. There was a quartermaster on board but no other certificated coxswain.

Coming to the day of the disaster the witness said the launch left Namtao at 9 a.m. and arrived at Hongkong about 12.30 p.m. He had between 70 and 80 passengers on board. The accountant issued tickets to them. There were about 10 passengers on the bridge. They had no baggage with them.

The Chairman: "Was there much cargo on board besides the passengers?"—About 50 piculs of cargo. Asked as to the route, the witness said "he used the Chin Wan Channel. He used this in preference to the Capsulim Channel as there was some wind and the sea was rough. The launch did not roll much, but when they left Namtao there was a little wind and rain and the launch had a slight list. The awnings were spread and the sidescreens were down on both sides. The proper berthage of the launch was at Pottinger Street, but every day she stopped at Salt Fish Lane and then went on to Pottinger Street berth.

Witness went on to say that the launch had been stopped three or four minutes before capsizing. There were over ten small boats, containing several dozens of people coming out to meet the launch at the time.

Did these people come on board?—Yes, Sir.

Were people going ashore at the same time?—Yes, they were trying to do so at the same time.

Were they taking their baggage with them at the same time—their goods and their luggage?—Yes.

Why did they not go from the other side of the launch?—I ordered the seamen to tell the passengers to go to the other side, but they took no notice.

How long was it before she sank?—Two or three minutes. She went on one side and the wind blew and she capsized.

Did the launch seem lighter than usual on that day?—She was as usual.

Had the launch any ballast?—Yes, there was stone and cast iron in the fore and aft holds.

About how much?—I do not know how much, but I know there was sufficient.

Where were you when the launch capsized?—I was at the wheel.

Tell the Court what happened just before the launch capsized?—When my launch stopped at Salt Fish Lane many small craft came alongside and several dozens of coolies came on board. I realised the danger and shouted to them to come on board, but they did not when they came I then shouted immediately to the passengers to go over to the other side so as to keep the launch steady. They did not take any notice and a little while later the ship listed and some wind came and the launch went over.

Have you ever been frightened that the launch was not a good one?—I know that the launch is quite safe.

Do you remember the occasion coming from Cheung Chau whilst the coxswain was quarrelling with the second coxswain and they were both very frightened and the quartermaster was steering anywhere?—I cannot remember.

Did the launch roll slowly and come back slowly, or did she roll quickly and come back quickly?—She rolled very quickly.

What life saving appliances did the launch have?—She had 20 life belts and four life buoys.

They were stored on the deck, some on the bridge, and some on the forehold.

How many boats had she?—None.

NIGHT FETE.

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE V.R.C. EVENT.

The third night fete of the season was held at the Victoria Recreation Club pool last night, and proved just as enjoyable as its predecessors. Mr. R. C. Witchell, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary, had drawn up an attractive programme, which produced some exciting contests. The challenge race between the R. G. A. and the King's was a very close thing and only went to the former afterwards exciting racing. In the Two Lengths (open), D. Lyon beat Razavet by the proverbial "whisker." Much fun was caused by the "blind" race for mixed couples, which consisted of the ladies showing their skill at lighting a lantern and the men their handiness (for lack of it) at threading a needle. Of the men, Rasmussen was the only one to succeed. The aquatic events concluded with a game of water polo, which produced a close contest, the Blues winning by 4-3. For the winners the goal scorers were McDade, Lyon (2), Stewart; for the Whites, Raiton and Busschaert (2) scored. The latter, in the second half, was responsible for two capital points by long distance throws. The teams were:

BLUES.	WHITES.
J. Stewart	C. E. Busschaert
D. Lyon	G. A. Jack
R. Rasmussen	E. Raiton
K. A. Mason	A. R. Botelho
Jas. Kent	V. M. Hast
A. Duncan	T. L. Knight
McDade	Wood

OTHER EVENTS.

The other results were:
Two Lengths Handicap (Members): 1. P. Assumpcao, 29 4/5 secs.; 2. B. Rasmussen, 26 4/5 secs.—Four Lengths Handicap (Boys): 1. J. Pearce, 77 3/5 secs.; 2. W. Tillery, 81 2/5 secs.

Ladies, High Dive: 1. Miss R. Kitchell, 88 points; 2. Miss Gladys Ramsay, 82 1/2 points.

Running Header from Springboard: 1. A. Duncan, 102 1/2 points; 2. T. L. Knight, 93 1/2 points.

Two Lengths Handicap (Girls): 1. E. Anslow, 51 secs.; 2. Rita Pathyphon, 45 2/5 secs.

Challenge Team Race: 1. R. G. A. 84 3/5 secs.

Two Lengths Scratch Race (Open): 1. D. Lyon, 27 1/5 secs.; 2. G. R. Razavet, 27 3/5 secs.

Mixed Nominations: 1. Miss M. Blunsdon and B. Rasmussen.

Team Race (Members): 1. D. Lyon's team, 3 mins. 35 secs.

The officials, in charge last night, are to be heartily congratulated upon the despatch with which the programme was carried out, the "card" being concluded before 11 p.m. Dancing to the strains of a jazz band followed the distribution of prizes.

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Capt. Davidson: Did she have any cargo in the holds?—No, there were only passengers there.

Were any passengers in the hold?—Yes, in the forehold, and some baggage.

Did any passengers go down aft?—None—if there were, they were only two or three.

Ng Ho, the engineer, said he had felt the launch to be quite safe. He had no shares in it. On the day of the mishap the launch had a little list on the voyage from Namtao but nothing unusual.

Leang F. Wing, the accountant of the launch, said he had been on the launch for a little over a month. At Namtao he took on board between 70 and 80 passengers. He issued tickets to them. The ticket book was lost when the launch sank. There were about 70 baskets of cargo on board. He did not consider this very much. It was about the usual amount.

The Chairman: Did it strike you as "purser" that it was a dangerous practice to have all these people walking about the launch, getting on and going off?—In former days, the launch did not list so badly, but on that day the wind was blowing hard and the passengers went to one side and the passengers rushed to that side.

In reply to Mr. James, witness said the passengers usually went ashore from both sides of the launch but on this day the wind was blowing hard and the passengers went to the leeward side.

The inquiry was adjourned until this afternoon at 3 p.m.

BRAVING IT OUT.

THE TYPHOON AT TAI MO SHAN CAMP.

The Camp at Tai Mo Shan has been in existence since July 1, when it had the misfortune to experience a typhoon, but soon after that time the campers were in their makeshifts which are called "shacks."

After the first typhoon the weather was beautiful, and during most of last week was absolutely glorious. On most days the top of the mountain was visible though at times light clouds were drifting across it.

The view of the ragged edges of the clouds was very interesting, even at that time the clouds sailed past at a good pace.

The air is exhilarating, fresh and invigorating, the temperature during the past week varying from 71° to 82°, the latter being only reached once in a "shack" on which the afternoon sun was shining. During the typhoon the temperature ranged from 71° to 74°. These temperatures are all indoor records.

The campers consisted of a number of gentlemen and ladies. Four gentlemen had their wives with them, and some had children. Some ladies were camping with their children, their husbands not being able to come here for the present.

The camp is at about 2,400 feet level, and is on a plateau to the S.W. of the top.

Some of the "shacks" are in an exposed position on the plateau, a number less exposed, and some sheltered in nullahs or behind a jutting hill or knoll.

On Friday night (July 20th) the wind rose and some rain fell. The wind soon had some effect on the "shacks," loosening the thatch roofing and causing leaks.

On Saturday morning, the barometer had fallen a little and continued to drop slowly during the day; there was also some rain. It did not seem as if a typhoon would really come. The wind appeared to be mostly from the East and North-east.

On Sunday, the glass had fallen still lower, and continued to drop throughout the day. Anxious enquiries were frequently made, but the answer was "no improvement" and that evening fell to 29.80 (Sea level reading), and remained steady and all hoped that it had now reached its limit.

That night about 10 p.m., we were informed that it had risen to 29.30, and later to 29.35, and we were much encouraged. On Monday morning it was 29.62 with an upward tendency.

The wind was accompanied by rain on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and the "shacks" became very shaky and leaked badly. Gradually they were loosened and some were blown down. There were 28 "shacks" and of these 9 were either blown down or badly damaged, but the rest stood through the storm and received comparatively little damage. Practically all are in need of some repairs.

No papers have yet reached us, but it is considered that the typhoon was a specially severe one and the experience of the campers gives them good hope that with some improvement which are under consideration, and better building by contractors, it should be possible to secure "shacks" that will not be much damaged by any ordinary typhoon.

During the storm the experiences of the campers were not pleasant. Much outside work had to be done, goods had to be carried through the storm and driving rain and placed in more stable structures. They were soon wet through and as there was little possibility of changing, many had to remain in damp clothing for over 24 hours.

Two "mess shacks" had been built in the hope that they would be useful for typhoon shelters. For some reason, one of these, though well down in a ravine, was blown down but providentially the other stood.

Most of the buildings were seriously threatened and it was therefore decided to leave them and move into the safest ones. Efforts were made by wiring and other means to strengthen one or two buildings including the "mess shack."

Sunday night was the worst time and it was ominous that the barometer continued to fall until late in the evening.

Plans were formed for getting the children away if the worst came to the worst, but happily it was not necessary to take them; it would have been very risky in any case.

Every one in the "shack" joined in the prayer that was earnestly offered that all night he kept safe through the night and it was felt that God was watching over all.

Behold then the "Mess Shack" on Sunday evening. There were gathered together 33 people in the "shack," and six Chinese servants in the kitchen attached to it.

The "shack" was 24 ft. x 20 ft. There were 15 children, 14 of whom were put to sleep on the table 14 ft. x 6 in. x 38 in., and they slept wonderfully well.

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The adults sat about the table in many and various postures. Some kept watch all night, and helped the children as they tried to turn or quieted any who woke up. The rest got snatches of sleep in most uncomfortable positions.

Break of day was the signal for rising. The children had been lying on boards for about ten hours and they had had enough of it. When they awoke there was not much opportunity for sleep for the rest.

It was with grateful hearts that the dawn was welcomed.

The children were wonderfully good and very brave, none of them showed any signs of panic, even though the "shack" was frequently shaken as if by some terrible giant.

In the early evening on Sunday some of the children were sent round with chocolates and sweets and all were pressed to take their share.

On Monday morning the mothers decided that they must take the children down, as they dare not risk another typhoon; the experiences of the parents had been very severe.

About 16 adults decided to remain and one of the fathers of children is returning with his little son.

It was a great task to get the children down as the wind was very boisterous in the morning when the first batch went down.

Even after tiffin when the rest started down it was very gusty at the brow of the hill, but after descending a few hundred feet it was much calmer and the descent was safely made.

Those who accompanied the children were glad to get back to the cool air and the restfulness of the mountain.

The shacks are being repaired and the campers look forward with hopefulness to a season of quiet before the next typhoon and, if the lessons of the last one are rightly learned, to a more restful period even if one comes.

All realize the need of Hongkong in the matter of rainfall. It is feared that the rainfall was slightly less than normal, but it was enough to fill our small reservoir and make it run over.

There is little fear of a water shortage here, until the camp breaks up, which it is hoped will be about the end of September.

Swedish exports of iron ore in June are calculated by Mr. Gillmor, manager of the Grängesberg Company, to amount to 450,000 tons, against 280,000 tons in May.

BURGLAR'S CANDLE.

CIGAR-BOX LEFT AT EVERY HOUSE.

There is a burglar in London who has mystified New Scotland Yard detective for a long time.

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Nobody has yet been able to find out who this mysterious burglar is. The police think (without prejudice) that he is an old man who, after leading an honest life for some years, has returned to the evil habits of his youth. They base this theory on the supposition that if he were a young man he would despise such an electric torch, but being old he cannot bring himself in line with the ideas of the modern burglar.

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Miss Kathryn Smith.



Mrs. Annie James and Gayle M. Cleveland.

"Sheiking is by no means an arduous occupation," according to the placed expression of Gayle M. Cleveland, alias Frank Lovejoy, who was arrested in Milwaukee, on charges of vagrancy, while the police investigated his matrimonial adventures. He inserted advertisements for a wife in various newspapers throughout the country and received more than 100 replies. He admits having vamped women, preferably widows, and despite his advanced years, he says they all fell hard for him. A Cleveland woman stung herself "Mrs. Annie James," and a Log City woman, Miss Kathryn Smith, were among those who sent him their pictures.



Lucy Branham and Sir William Watson.

Sir William Watson, noted English poet, has asserted that America is a nation of "women worshippers," that the United States is ruled by a "petticoat government" and that American women were primarily responsible for the eighteenth amendment and subsequent more-or-less prohibition. Miss Lucy Branham, Carnegie medal winner for heroism and a leader of the National Woman's Party, has characterized his statements as "bunk." America, she said, is "male ridden," and women haven't the least share "of the political or economic energy which is their just due." Chief credit for prohibition she added, must go to the middle-class business man, who could not afford to drink and did not want to see his workers drunk.



Here is a striking picture of the \$5,000,000 fire which destroyed the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the heart of Philadelphia, imperilling many passengers. In the right background may be seen the Philadelphia City Hall, one of the finest public buildings in America, which for a time was thought to be in danger of destruction.



Eddie Rickenbacker.

Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker, former daredevil race-track driver, later America's flying ace in the World War, has concluded arrangements with Lloyd's, of London, for a million-dollar policy to cover accident or death only while he is flying. Rickenbacker plans to make trips of inspection to his automobile plants by aeroplane, it was stated. American insurance companies have refused the risk. The annual premium is \$5,000. Rickenbacker says auto and train travel is far more perilous than flying.



Mrs. Loretta Thompson, of Brooklyn, is serving a sentence of from one to three years in Auburn State Prison for killing 11-year-old Dominick Ego with her automobile. The car had crashed across a sidewalk and dashed into a hedge. She was asked not to attempt to drive it again, but threw in the clutch, came back into the hedge and killed one boy and maimed another for life. Several witnesses declared she was intoxicated, though this she denied. She was convicted of manslaughter.



Lieutenant Russell Lowell Maughan, holder of the world's speed record for aviators, has announced his determination to attempt a flight between New York and San Francisco "between sunrise and sunset." He plans to "shop off" after a few days spent in tuning up his army pursuit plane for its transcontinental flight. Maughan's speed record is 248.5 miles per hour, made at Selfridge Field, Michigan. He won the Distinguished Service Cross during the war by accounting for four enemy airmen.



Elsie Ferguson and Thomas B. Clarke, Jr.

There has been much speculation as to whether the separation of Elsie Ferguson, noted beauty of the stage and screen, from her husband, Thomas B. Clarke, Jr., vice-president of the Harriman National Bank, New York, will be followed by divorce proceedings or other legal action. The couple have three children. Their seven years of married life were thought to have been idyllically happy—one of the few romances of the stage which prospered. Their marriage, in 1916, was a social event. Rumour has been current for some time that the actress and her husband were having difficulties.



A jury of married men has decided that Miss Leona Voris, must pay Lee H. Stiles, whom she jilted, \$1,000 for engagement ring he gave her. Stiles, a wealthy club member, paid that sum to Mrs. Voris for her engagement ring, which the daughter expressed a desire to use as her own engagement signet.

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